

## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO WELCOME CHINESE AND TAIWANESE EDUCATORS TO THE FIRST-EVER AMERICAN-ASIA EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT IN PHOENIX

PHOENIX (Friday, April 11, 2008) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne, Arizona K-12 educators, and representatives from twenty-five Chinese and Taiwanese schools will attend the American-Asia School Partnership Summit, sponsored by Global Interactions, at the Black Canyon Conference Center on Monday, April 14, through Wednesday, April 16. These delegates, sponsored by the China Association for Science and Technology are coming to learn about American Education, share best practices, philosophy and teaching strategies.

Horne stated: "This partnership summit is the fruition of our International Schools initiative to encourage K-12 schools to participate in language and curriculum exchange with other countries in order to graduate students who will be competitive in world markets."

The Arizona Department of Education is encouraging K-12 Arizona schools to build and implement academic programs with an emphasis on foreign language acquisition, international business and World history. This summit will be instrumental in providing the schools the necessary tools to create international schools.

WHO: ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE TO WELCOME

CHINESE AND TAIWANESE EDUCATORS TO

INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT

WHEN: MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008

TIME: 8:00 A.M.

WHERE: BLACK CANYON CONFERENCE CENTER

9440 NORTH 25<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE

PHOENIX, AZ 85021